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SUBJECT: ROK REACTION TO PRC-DPRK JOINT COMMUNIQUE

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1. ROK REACTION TO PRC-DPRK JOINT COMMUNIQUE HAS FOCUSED ON PORTIONS OF THE DOCUMENT WHICH APPEAR TO SUPPORT VIEW THAT DANGER OF NORTH KOREAN MILITARY ACTION AGAINST ROK HAS INCREASED. IN ASSESSING COMMUNIQUE IN CONTEXT OF INDOCHINA DEVELOPMENTS AND NORTH KOREAN WORDS AND ACTIONS OF RECENT MONTHS, ROKG OFFICIALS AND ROK PRESS HAVE APPARENTLY FOUND NO EVIDENCE TO DISPUTE THEORY OF PRC ACQUIESCENCE IN DPRK DESIGNS AGAINST ROK (REF).

2. CULTURE AND INFORMATION MINISTER AND ROKG SPOKESMAN YI WON-KYONG ISSUED STATEMENT APRIL 28 IN WHICH HE SAID THAT ROKG TAKES SERIOUSLY THE FACT THAT CHINA AND NORTH  
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KOREA REAFFIRMED THEIR MILITANT FRIENDSHIP AND REVOLUTIONARY UNITY. ACCORDING TO PRESS, YI SAID THAT DECLARATION IN COMMUNIQUE THAT CURRENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION DEVELOPING IN FAVOR OF WORLD'S REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE

AND THAT WAR IS "INEVITABLE" (SIC) AS LONG AS IMPERIALISM EXISTS IS EVIDENCE OF KIM IL-SUNG'S SCHEME TO ATTACK ROK. LIKEWISE, HE FREELY INOERPRETED CLAUSE ON INCREASING DANGER OF

A NEW WORLD WAR AS SHOWING NORTH KOREAN-PRC INTENT TO COMMUNIZE KOREAN PENINSULA BY FORCE. YI ADDED THAT COMMUNIQUE REVEALED THAT PRC WILL POSITIVELY SUPPORT STRUGGLES OF THE SOUTH KOREAN PEOPLE, WHICH HE INTERPRETED AS MEANING WAR ON REVOLUTION IN COMMUNIST PARLANCE. CONTENDING THAT KIM AND CHINESE HAD DISCUSSED STRATEGY AND PLEDGED JOINT STRUGGLE TO COMMUNIZE KOREA, YI CONCLUDED THAT "AT NO TIME HAS THE SITUATION BEEN GRAVER OR MORE CRITICAL FOR OUR SECURITY THAN NOW."

3. MOFA SPOKESMAN APRIL 29 ISSUED STATEMENT SAYING THAT COMMUNIQUE ENHANCES NORTH KOREAN DESIRE FOR ARMED PROVOCATIONS AND COMMUNIZATION RATHER THAN CONTRIBUTING TO EASING TENSION AND SETTLING PEACE ON PENINSULA. HE URGED PEKING TO WORK FOR PEACE AND SAID THAT PRC AS PERMANENT MEMBER OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL IS FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR PREVENTING PYONGYANG FROM CARRYING OUT IRRESPONSIBLE ACTS OF PROVOCATION AGAINST THE SOUTH. SPOKESMAN ALSO TOOK ISSUE WITH COMMUNIQUE'S REFERENCE TO DRPK AS SOLE LEGAL SOVEREIGN STATE OF KOREAN NATION.

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4. ROK PRESS, WHILE PLAYING UP INCREASED THREAT FROM NORTH KOREA, HAS ATTEMPTED LITTLE HARD ANALYSIS OF COMMUNIQUE. CHOSUN ILBO AND TONGA ILBO SAW GAIN FOR NORTH IN PRC ENDORSEMENT OF DPRK AS SOLE LEGAL SOVEREIGN STATE, WHICH IS SETBACK FOR ROK DIPLOMATIC GOAL OF RECOGNITION BY COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. CHOSUN ILBO SUMMARIZED COMMUNIQUE AS "REAFFIRMATION AND SUPPORT BY THE COMMUNIST CHINESE LEADERS OF STRATEGY THE NORTH KOREAN REGIME HAS LONG PLOTTED TO COMMUNIZE AND UNIFY THE WHOLE OF THE KOREAN PENINSULA BY VIOLENT AND REVOLUTIONARY MEANS." GOVERNMENT ENGLISH-LANGUAGE KOREA HERALD LINKED COMMUNIST DETERMINATION TO COMMUNIZE SOUTH TO MASTER PLAN FOR WORLD REVOLUTION. CITING COMMUNIST SIDE'S "ADHESIVE CONTINUITY" IN AIDING REVOLUTION, HERALD SAID THAT FROM THIS POINT OF VIEW US MILITARY AID TO ROK IS FAR FROM ADEQUATE.

5. MOFA OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD US THAT COMMUNIQUE IS NOT ENCOURAGING. ASIA BUREAU DIRECTOR O CHAE-HUI SAID THAT MODERATE PRC LANGUAGE WAS "RHETORIC" AND THAT PRC ACTUALLY SUPPORTED BELLIGERENT NORTH KOREAN LINE. CHINA DIVISION CHIEF KWON PYONG-HYON SAID COMMUNIQUE HAD LITTLE RELATION TO SUBSTANCE OF VISIT, MAKING NO REFERENCE TO ECONOMIC AND MILITARY DISCUSSIONS WHICH WERE CERTAINLY HELD. HE SAID THAT CONTENT, IN MOFA'S VIEW, SHOWS CHINESE SUPPORT FOR

REVOLUTION IN ROK. KWON ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER  
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